Integrated Watershed Management in the Catchments of Flood Prone Rivers etc. in which individual farmers are benefited through an area development approach.

The schemes benefit various categories of farmers including small and marginal farmers. There is no comprehensive Special Support Programme for small farmers. However, a small Farmer Agri-Business Consortium has been set up to develop agro-business activities, which would provide better returns to small and marginal farmers through backward/forward linkages.

Dislocated Academic Schedules

1454. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: SHRIMATI CHANDRA KALA PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to regularise the dislocated academic and examination schedules in the North Indian Campuses; and

(b) if so, whether Government have a comprehensive report on the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) and (b) University Grants Commission (UGC) had circulated a Model Academic Calendar in July, 89 for implementation by universities from the academic year 1990-91. The model academic calendar, inter-alia, provides for a minimum of 180 teaching days every year, last date of admission, last date of completion of examination and declaration of results. UGC has been requesting all universities to adopt the Model Academic Calendar. However, examination schedules are sometimes dislocated due to certain factors beyond the control of the universities, such as natural calamities, law & order situation, agitation, etc.

Establishment of Agricultural Unversity in Kutch Region

1455. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to establish new Agriculture University in Kutch region of Gujarat;

(b) whether any request to this effect from the State Government is pending with the Union Government;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what action has been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) No, Sir

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Question does not arise.

Timings of Shatabdi Express Running Between Bokaro and Calcutta

1456. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that presently one Shatabdi Express is running between Bokaro and Calcutta;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the timings of Shatabdi Express are not suitable from Bokaro Steel City;

(c) if so, whether there is any proposal with the Government to start Shatabdi Express in the morning from Bokaro to Calcutta and in the evening from Calcutta to Bokaro;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ: (a) : Yes, Sir.

(b) : No, Sir.

(c) and (d) : Do not arise.

(e) Lack of adequate infrastructure for maintenance of Shatabdi rake at Bokaro Steel City.

New railway line projects during the Eigth and Ninth Five Year Plans

1457. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the new railway line projects started during the Eighth Five Year Plan with the States covered;

(b) proposed new railway line projects to be taken up during the Ninth Five Year Plan with the States to be covered; and

(c) whether Government have a plan to take up new railway line projects in the N.E. Region.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) The following projects have been/are being started during the 8th Five Year Plan:—

S. No.	Name of the projects	Kms	State
1.	Dudhni-Depa	17.5	Meghalaya
2.	Amrawati-Narkher	13.8	Maharastra
3.	Peddapalli-Karim Nagar-Nizamabad	177	Andhra Pradesh
4.	Lanjigarh Rd.-Junagarh	54	Orissa.
5.	Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramula	290	Jammu & Kashmir
6.	Khurda Rd-Bolangir	289	Orissa
7.	Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli-Vaijnath	250	Maharastra
8.	Kuttur-Harihar	65	Karnataka
9.	Dallirajhara-Jagdalpur	235	Madhya Pradesh
10.	Nandyal-Yerraguntala	126	Andhra Pradesh
11.	Sakri-Hasanpur	76	Bihar
12.	Kadur-Chikmagalur-Sakleshpur	100	Karnataka.
13.	Gangapur City-Dausa	93	Rajasthan.
14.	Kumarghat-Agartala (1996-97)	119	Tripura.
15.	Haridaspur-Paradeep	78	Orissa.

(b) The Projects have not been identified so far.

(c) Yes, Sir, List is given in (a) above.

मध्य प्रदेश में दन्तैल हाथी विशन बहादुर की मौत

1458. **श्री दिलीप सिंह जूदेव:** क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) केन्द्र द्वारा प्रवर्तित हाथी योजना के अधीन मध्य प्रदेश में दन्तैल हाथी विशन बहादुर को कब पकड़ा गया था और उसे पकड़ने में विभिन्न मदों पर केन्द्रीय सरकार और राज्य सरकारों द्वारा मद-वार कुल कितनी धनराशि व्यय की गई;

(ख) उक्त हाथी कब और किन कारणों से मर गया;

(ग) क्या इस हाथी की मृत्यु उसमें किसी गंभीर बीमारी से ग्रस्त होने के बावजूद भी उसका उपयुक्त उपचार न किए जाने के कारण हुई; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इसके लिए जिम्मेदार अधिकारियों और कर्मचारियों के विरुद्ध की गई कार्रवाई का ब्यौरा क्या है?